Remarks

Consideration of this Amendment after allowance is respectfully requested. The amendment to claim 1 corrects an error in grammar identified upon review of the allowed claims. The amendment to claim 24 clarifies the subject matter thereof and agrees with a proposed amendment submitted by the previous attorney of record on July 14, 2006 but that did not make it into the Examiner's Amendment. The amendment to claim 25 corrects an error in the Examiner's Amendment and agrees with the proposed amendment submitted on July 14, 2006 by the previous attorney of record.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-4, and 7-36 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 21, 26 and 35 being the independent claims. The amendments above are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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